

REMARKS

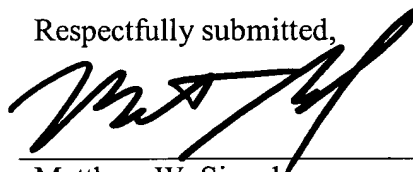
The September 14, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted.

Applicants provide herewith the corrected section of the Non-Compliant Amendment document, that is, the "Amendments to the Claims," in its entirety pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(h). Because the Non-Compliant Amendment was in response to a Non-Final Office Action and because the Amendment was a bonafide attempt to reply, the time period for responding is one month from the mailing date of the Notice.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, early notification of which would be greatly appreciated. If any issue exists which would prevent the Examiner from issuing an immediate Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in an effort to resolve any outstanding issues. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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